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IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if
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inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter
which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the
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the specification of which ___ is enclosed herewith or X was
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the
contents of the above identified specification, including the
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is
material to the examination of this application in accordance
with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications(s) for
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on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Applications(s):

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insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this
application is not disclosed in the prior United States
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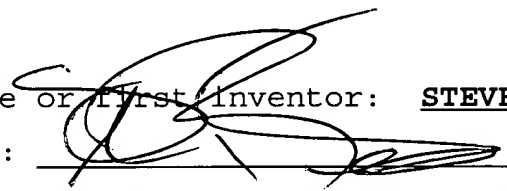
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